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The Right and Wrong Way of Meeting Religious Obligations

HOLY COMMUNION

THE greatest privilege and honor which a creature can enjoy is personal contact with his God through Holy Communion. While the only requirement for a worthy Communion is membership in God's Church and the possession of the state of grace, certain other dispositions make the union more profitable. Among these is an ardent desire for closer relationship with Jesus and for growth in spirituality.

In our last instruction we reminded our readers that many people approach the Sacraments of Penance without much earnestness. The same is true of a large percentage of people in receiving Holy Communion. So long as they do not incur a risk of receiving unworthily, they assume they are doing all that is required. It is true, that even these receive Holy Communion profitably, because the Author of all grace, Who comes to them, surely leaves help and blessings behind. But at the same time, He must be greatly disappointed at their indifference, and at the lack of seriousness which they display. People who receive Holy Communion through routine are likely also to be cold in their daily devotions, and to be quite satisfied if they keep free from grievous sin. They make nothing of the so-called little faults, like their daily uncharitable talk, angry spells, falsehoods, waste of time, mechanical prayers, etc.

How much more benefit would people reap from the Sacraments, if they singled out some fault as the subject of a particular examin, aiming from one Confession to another to do just a little better; and if, in receiving Holy Communion, they prayed for the strength to conquer their predominant faults altogether? Such earnestness would so please our Divine Lord that He would dispense to them much more powerful graces than He is wont to do. True it is not likely that people who receive Holy Communion every week will ever drift far away from God, but there is usually no noticeable increase in their fervor when their highest aim is to avoid grievous sin. If we strove to become more perfect, we would naturally avoid serious sin, but, we would advance in God's love, in virtue, and merit as well. Our conduct today on this week should be our preparation for to-morrow or next Sunday's Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is an integral part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; it is the heavenly banquet of the Mass, and therefore people would act conformably with the Church's wish if, when they went to Mass on Sunday, they also received Holy Communion.

Since the soul is more important than the body; since the spiritual means more to God, and should mean more to us than the material, it is evident that when Christ taught us to pray "give us this day our daily bread" He referred more to the food for the soul, namely Holy Communion, than He did to the food for the body.

Thank God that the number of Catholics is now small, who permit a whole year or even several months, but the ideal situation will not be realized until all our people will have a greater appreciation for the best thing the Church has, the Eucharistic presence of Jesus.

In order to induce a larger number of people to receive Holy Communion daily, priests call attention to the fact that they need not sacrifice more time than attendance at Mass requires; in other words that they need not spend much time in thanksgiving and prayer after Holy Communion. But it is not to be implied by this concession that a thanksgiving of three or four minutes is altogether satisfactory. The more hearty the reception we give to Jesus when He comes to us, the longer time we entertain Him, and the harder we entreat Him for His blessings and favors, the richer we will be for it. Therefore, we really should not rush out of Church without spending ten or fifteen minutes in prayer from the time of receiving, unless necessity compels us to hasten.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

[In this column we are running a series of 400 word articles on the different religious orders and congregations of men and women. Every article is written by a member of the religious community discussed.]

PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

A CONGREGATION of priests founded in 1877 at St. Quentin, France, by the Very Reverend Canon Leo Dehon, their first and present Superior General. They received the Decree of Praise February 25, 1888, and definite approbation July 4, 1906.

The special object of the Congregation is to offer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus a worship of love and atonement by lives of zeal and piety. The works of zeal are: The education of the youth, preaching, mission, and the evangelization of the native population in Africa and in America.

The Congregation has four provinces: French-Belgian, German, Dutch and Italian. At the end of 1922 the Congregation numbered 316 priests, 175 seminarians, 135 lay-brothers, 61 novices. But many more are needed for the vast work of the missions. The world-war caused many losses. At present the consequences of the war, on account of lack of means, the flourishing mission schools and seminaries are in extreme poverty. The Congregation owes a debt of gratitude to the American Catholics for their generosity and help in the past, and helping at present they not only support these mission schools, but they save them from being closed.

Missions in Africa: 1. The Vicariate of Stanley Falls, Belgian Congo, established in 1897. The Congregation has eleven mission posts within the Vicariate. St. Gabriel Falls, Bafwalaka, Awacubi, Banalya, Basoko and Yanonge.

Twenty-five years ago, nothing but wilderness and cannibalism; today there are a cathedral, 6 large churches, 348 chapel schools, 12 central schools, 10 dispensaries, 3 hospitals, 40 missionaries, 13 sisters, 6 brother teachers, 22,000 Christians and 30,000 people under instruction.

2. The Prefecture Apostolic of Adamaua, Kameroun, erected April 28, 1914, had been confided as a mission to the priests of the Sacred Heart in 1912, was interrupted in 1916, and taken up again in 1920. There are four mission posts in the Prefecture with the usual work attached.

3. A third African mission has been given by the propaganda in Rome to the priests of the Sacred Heart in South Africa. Twelve priests will start for the new mission field very soon.

Missions in America: Two in Brazil, one in the United States, one in Canada.

Brazil—More than twenty members of the Congregation labor in the southern part of Brazil, while seven other priests conduct the diocesan seminary in Taubate, Sao Paulo. Fourteen priests are in the diocese of Olinda and Recife Maceiro in northern Brazil.

United States—Recently mission work has been taken up in the diocese of Lead, S. D., among the Sioux Indians of the Lower Brule and Cheyenne River Reservations.

Canada—In Canada they have seven priests in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta, with five mission stations established.

Other Missions: *Sweden*—There are five priests in charge of four parishes.

Finland—For four years the priests of the Sacred Heart labored among the native Catholics, Poles and Germans, scattered through schismatic Finland, until in 1911, under the intolerant government of the Czar, and for the usual pretexts, they were obliged to leave Russian territory. Today there are again four priests in Helsingfors.
—*Rev. Matthias Fohrman, Sittard, Holland.*

Catholic Progress and the Present Catholic Outlook

AFTER extensive travel and work for the past three months Father Stritch has returned to St. Louis full of optimism on the subject of Catholic progress, as shown in the following interview:

"I have had an unusually far-reaching program this summer. I have been called upon to give sermons and lectures to all kinds of audiences, and retreats to priests and laymen reaching from Denver, Colorado, to Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan.

Everywhere there is striking evidence of Catholic progress. Everywhere new churches, schools, hospitals, social centres are being built. Old establishments are enlarged under the pressure of growing demand. Catholics of all classes are looking up and realizing their opportunities as never before. Societies are organized and quickly affiliated with the National Catholic Welfare Council.

Anti-Catholic movements are only stimulating Catholics to keen vigilance, determined action and national organization. Catholics are not organizing in retaliation. They rather pity than hate those engaged in warring on the rights of 23,000,000 thoroughly loyal Americans.

On the other hand Catholics are receiving much encouragement from thoughtful men and women of all classes outside the Church. Such men and women, appreciating the danger of the times, and adhering to the principles and the policies of true Americanism, look upon the Catholic Church as one of the strongest bulwarks for the defence of American, democratic freedom. True and enlightened Americans are our friends and co-operators. Bigots, pretended patriots, and their dupes suspect, fear slander and oppose us. The friendship of the enlightened and the enmity of the malicious and the ignorant alike aid in the advancement of our cause—the cause of justice, truth and the genuine brotherhood of all the citizens of our great Republic.

Catholics realize this and are determined to make known to all the real spirit and teachings of their Church. They have nothing to conceal, nothing to fear, by the fullest and clearest revelations of all their purposes. They wear no masks. Bigotry and ignorance are self-undoing. True knowledge and true devotion to the best interests of our country are what we all need. The spread of such knowledge and devotion is what Catholics are aiming at in their new and nation-wide social and spiritual activities.

The bishops in their dioceses, the priests in their parishes, the religious communities in ther schools and other institutions, the great network of societies of laymen and women in all parts of the country, the federation of all these units into the big movement of the National Catholic Welfare Council, are all filled with zeal for the upbuilding of the greater, truer and wiser America of the years to come. Catholics in and back of the fighting lines won golden opinions during the war. They are resolved on doing yet greater service to their country in the years of peaceful development.

Millions of non-Catholic Americans know and cordially approve our plans and purposes. It is this knowledge and approval that goads our enemies to their outbreaks of malevolent fanaticism. Spread the light, do the good everywhere. This will be all sufficient to banish darkness and to kill malevolence.

"Catholics hear the call to work in a big and generous spirit for God and country. They are responding to the call with a zeal and wisdom that fill us with bright hopes for the future. This fact should stimulate every one of us to do his share in the strong upward movement. This is the best answer to make to our deluded fellow citizens who combine to deprive us of our rights as men and as Americans. We can not stop for fashion or retaliation. We rather join the great army of true American men and women of all creeds who are laboring to build up our country into the great land of freedom, brotherhood and progress, that God means it to be. I have never felt prouder of

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The Reasonableness of Christian Faith is Shown

WRITTEN FOR OUR SUNDAY VISITOR BY THE REV. H. C. HENGELL, Ph. D., MADISON, WIS.

SEQUENCE OF THE ARGUMENT.—1. God exists. He is infinite, intelligent and free (personal). Mankind needed a supernatural revelation from God in order to acquire a sufficient knowledge of religious truth and of moral duties. In His mercy God gave to mankind this necessary revelation, the authenticity of which is vouched for by miracles and prophecies. That revelation is Christianity. Its sacred writings (the Gospels, etc.) are acknowledged by all scholars as presenting true history. They show that Christ claimed to be God, and that this claim was backed by miracles and prophecies. They show that He incorporated a Church with exclusive authority to teach Christianity to the world, that He invested His Church with essential marks or characteristics by which it might easily be distinguished from all rival institutions; that one of these characteristics is imperishability. Hence, the Church of Christ may easily be found today. Of the existing Christian churches, the Catholic Church alone possesses the characteristics of the united, holy, universal, apostolic, imperishable and infallible organization incorporated by Christ. Therefore, the Catholic Church is the one and only authorized Church of Christ.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE POSSIBILITY OF MIRACLES.

A MIRACLE is an extraordinary occurrence, perceptible to the senses, transcending the powers of nature and, therefore, supernatural. It is self-evident that God CAN work miracles. Later we shall see that He has actually done so in support of the religion of Christ.

In spite of such evidence, however, there are some who insist that a miracle is impossible. Why? Simply because that is their theory. With them facts do not count. When facts disagree with their theories, so much the worse for the facts. It does not seem to occur to them that theories must be adjusted to facts and not the reverse.

There are others, less naive, who contend that the evidence for miracles is unsatisfactory (Hume), that miracles are contrary to all previous experience. This objection means in effect that what usually does not happen can never happen. If so, we must refuse to believe in any new invention; for example, radio, for radio broadcasting is contrary to all previous experience. The mass of men can testify that the dead cannot be brought back to life by any means they have seen tried (experience). But this does not prove that they cannot be brought back by means which they have not seen tried; that is, by the direct interference of God. Miracles are, indeed, rare occurrences and therefore necessarily outside the range of common experience but that is no logical argument against their possible occurrence.

There is a class of persons who, in order to escape being considered irrational in their stubborn resistance to facts which discreditit their thories call themselves rationalists. They are fond of boasting of the advance of physical science, of wresting secrets from nature, of banishing faith in miracles by higher education. Many of them believe in spiritism but to believe in the Christian religion is to them the sign of ignorant credulity. Rationalists in general fail to recognize the limitations of science and human knowledge. They are wise in their own conceit in that they consider every one credulous except themselves.

Christian theologians, far from being credulous as to miracles or any thing else, are very critical and logical in the interpretation of what they see or hear. Testimony is carefully scrutinised and weighed. Nothing is accepted as a miracle if it can be explained by any possible natural hypothesis. We shall find this especially true when in subsequent articles, we come to consider the basic miracle of Christianity; namely, the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE SECULAR PRESS.

UNITARIANS CONDEMN WAVE OF HATE.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 15—Chief Justice William Howard Taft was re-elected president of the general Unitarian conference at its closing business session Friday.

"Harmonious relations between peoples of diverse races, creeds and nationalities living in this country is essential for the permanence of our democratic institutions and preservation of the world," said a resolution adopted by the conference putting on record its "unqualified condemnation of that evil spirit of intolerance, bigotry and hate which manifests itself in acts of violence and persecution designed to intimidate or to deprive of their legal rights any of our fellow beings, of whatever race, color or creed."—**Toledo Blade**, Sept. 15, 1923.

ENGLISH BAPTISTS PUZZLED.

"What is this thing in Catholicism which persists through the ages, and survives every attack to which it is exposed? Is it the pagan element in it, so dear to the natural man, or older even than Christianity itself? Or is it some leaven, some salt of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, preserving what would otherwise decay?"

"It works because its advocates believe in it. They know what they stand for and where they stand. It behooves the upholders of a more enlightened faith to show a like staunchness and intensity of conviction."—**The (England) Baptist Times.**

SECY. DENBY ON CATHOLIC LOYALTY

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17.—"To Catholics the Marine Corps in which I served should be of especial interest since I found that more than forty-five per cent of its enlisted men were Catholics. And this is a grand tribute to the teachings of the fine old Church; that it instills in the minds of its young a deep and loving patriotism for country, a patriotism that does not balk at the sacrifice of one's own life in the nation's honor."

Secy. Denby has also taken a strong stand against religious intolerance. In a speech at Washington, recently, the Associated Press reported him as follows:

"Nothing more dangerous to the continued mental and spiritual health of the Republic could well be conceived than the recrudescence of certain forms of secret organizations, apparently designed to supersede law and enforce their will.

"When any community, or body of men or women within a community," Mr. Denby continued, "disregard the orderly processes of law, a blow is struck at the roots of the Republic. Religious freedom is the most sacred possession of free peoples.

"It seems that organized attacks are made upon individuals because of their religious faith. It is hard enough to meet the realities of this life and to compose our earthly differences, without attempting to make war in the realm of the spirit, or to cherish against our neighbor evil thoughts because he may think differently from us about the world to come."

CHRISTIANITY PRACTICED OR CARICATURED

Whatever may be one's doubts no man can deny that Christianity exists.

When Christianity is taken away from a community all the evil forces that undermine the home and the State and civilization come in.

Untold millions have found in Christianity comfort and consolation in sorrow and inspiration for heroic effort in the struggle against wrong.

Any man who will begin doing something that Christianity teaches will be made better by it.

Any person who disobeys any of the moral precepts of Christianity will suffer for it, whatever the future life may hold in store.

When men are bad it is in spite of the teachings of Christianity and not because of them.

Millions who rejected Christianity while living have begged for its benefits when dying.

Where the vanguard of Christianity stands today, society will camp tomorrow.

The greatest nations in the world are the ones that best practice the teachings of Christianity and the things they suffer from the most come from their disobedience to its teachings.

Evils have been preached in the name of Christianity but not one of them has ever been taught by it.

The curse of the world is Christianity caricatured. The hope of the world is Christianity practiced.—**Los Angeles Examiner**, Sept. 3, 1923.

CAN YOU FIGURE IT OUT?

"Modern heresy is not precisely logical. If the Catholic Church is as rotten and weak as it claims, why must war be waged on it through repressive laws? Why strike at its schools and hospitals and works of charity, injuring women and the orphans and the old people they have sheltered? Why not trust to its own inherent weakness to bring it to an inevitable ruin? Heresy, which has always been so sure of its superiority to Catholicism, is never willing to trust the modern principle of the survival of the fittest. For, somehow, Catholicism always seems to survive."—**Daniel A. Lord, S.J.**, in **"The Catholic World,"** Oct., 1922.

The Knights of Columbus Again Vindicated in Court

ANOTHER PAGE ADDED TO HISTORY OF BOGUS OATH

By Robert R. Hull

AN appeal having been taken by David J. Gordon, defamer of the Knights, to the Appellate Court of the State of California, the original verdict against Gordon has been affirmed. The Knights of Columbus are again to be congratulated. Legal circles are said to have watched this case with great interest because of its bearings on the present tense situation brought about in many communities by the circulation of this "oath."

To quote from the "Monitor and Inter-Mountain Catholic" of San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1923:

"Gordon found himself in trouble during the month of July last year, when he was arrested in Oakland shortly after the appearance of the edition of the 'Crusader,' in which the bogus oath appeared. The warrant for his arrest was sworn to by the Supreme Warden of the K. of C., David Ruppe, and was issued by Judge Lazarus.

"It was once a habit with professional anti-Catholics to give widespread publication to the fake as far back as 1914. It was circulated all over America and Canada, to which latter country Gordon belongs. In the course of an investigation of the thing in Congress, it found its way as an exhibit into the pages of the Congressional Record and the local libeler quoted this as his authority for its use. This very fact is an illuminating example of the lying tactics adopted by Gordon in using the publication of Congress which condemned the spurious invention, in support of its genuineness.

"The case when first brought into court was tried before Judge Woolley and from the decision at the time by the Superior Court of San Francisco, Gordon appealed."

Gordon was sentenced to serve six months in jail. On Sept. 5, 1923, the case was reviewed by Justices Tyler, St. Sure and Richards. To quote from "California Appellate Decisions" of Sept. 15th, Vol. 42, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Plaintiff and Respondent, v. DAVID J. GORDON, Defendant and Appellant:

"Defendant admitted that there was no oversight or mistake in connection with the publication, and that his act was intentional; but claimed that the article was published without malice, and that his motive in publishing the same was honorable and done with a desire to be fair to the members of both organizations (Knights of Columbus and Ku Klux Klan)." Further, "He claimed that in view of the investigation in 1921 it was within his privilege as a publisher and editor to copy from the Congressional Record the pretended oaths of the different orders, especially as he had made particular reference to the proceedings published in the governmental publication." But as the Court pointed out, "The congressional committee appointed to investigate the charges . . . branded it as false and libelous." Again, "Defendant herein offered no proof whatever of the truth of his charge that the so-called oath was taken by the members of the Knights of Columbus, contenting himself merely with the defense that he had published it in good faith and without any desire to impeach the honesty or integrity of any member of that organization."

The hypocrisy of this claim made by Gordon was fully exposed in the following:

"To refute this asserted honest intention the prosecution proved that the defendant knew at the time of the publication that the congressional committee had condemned the so-called oath as being false and libelous. It was also proved that he knew that men high in Masonic circles had, upon investigation, found that it was false, and that they had published an open statement in which

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Father Smith Instructs Jackson in the Catholic Religion

The Wonder Is That All Catholics Are Not Frequent Communicants.

FATHER S. We have seen that the Mass is the divinely established sacrifice by which Christ's followers were to worship God in the New Law. Had not the world this sacrifice of infinite value, it would be difficult to explain how the Almighty would tolerate the sin and the infidelity of the past nineteen centuries. The sins of man outweigh the good works of man, because the former are measured by the infinite dignity of a God, against whom they are directed. But Christ's daily self-immolation on the altar, and His daily repeated prayer: "Father, forgive them," render God's mercy intelligible.

MR. J. Yes, this consideration clears up a matter, which has often perplexed me.

FATHER S. But the secondary purpose of the Mass is to render Christ present under the form of food, in order that He might be "God with us," and be for our souls the "bread of life." You have read in the Catechism that according to the Council of Trent four especial effects are produced by Holy Communion?

MR. J. Yes, Father; and I believe I can state them.

FATHER S. Try it.

MR. J. (1) It unites us intimately with Christ, and thereby produces a great increase of grace in the soul. This effect is self evident; because if all the sacraments impart grace, that one sure-

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FAKE OATHS AND BOGUS DOCUMENTS

FOR HARMONY AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Solely in the interest of national harmony and of Christian charity this series of explanations is presented to the readers of this paper.

A studied effort is made to avoid controversy, but any questions asked in good faith will be answered if addressed to the person whose name and address appear below.

Do you believe in promoting a cause by slander and libel? Surely you do not.

In this spirit of fair-play, kindly read the exposure of fake oaths and other bogus documents which enemies of the Catholic Church have manufactured and are circulating against her.

I.—THE "DARK CLOUD" FAKE.

Ever since the time of Pastor Chiniquy, who was ousted from the Catholic Church about seventy years ago, the words ascribed to Lincoln have been exploited by our enemies without any attempt at proof. What will surprise the reader is that even Tom Watson declared the quotation to be a forgery. In the Columbia Sentinel of Thompson, Ga., we read the following:

Nelson's Perpetual Loose-Leaf Encyclopedia, New York City, Nov. 30, 1920.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson.

Dear Sir: A question has arisen over a quotation upon which I think you will be able to set us right. The question is—did Abraham Lincoln say: "I do not intend to be a prophet, but, though not a prophet, I see a very dark cloud on our horizon, and that cloud is coming from Rome."

Did President Lincoln make or write the above remark? If so, in which of his writings and what edition of the same will I be sure to find it?

Thanking you for whatever information you can give me in this matter, I am, yours very truly,

WM. A. MYERS.

Thompson, Ga., Dec. 11, 1920.

Mr. Wm. A. Myers, 251 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sir: Yours of November 30th received, and would have been answered sooner had I not been absent in Florida.

For the last thirty years the alleged quotation from Abraham Lincoln has been in circulation.

He is said to have made the prophetic remark during his second term, after the profiteering corporations of the Civil War had accumulated such vast fortunes, and were exerting their power over Congress.

Those who claimed authenticity for the statement of Mr. Lincoln asserted that it appeared in a letter which he wrote to a personal friend in the West.

I do not remember the alleged name of this friend, but I do distinctly remember that no such letter was ever published.

I had no confidence in it myself, and never used it in any of my speeches or writings.

My opinion is that it was fabricated after Mr. Lincoln's death.

Yours truly, THOS. E. WATSON.

Note, however, what President Lincoln did say: "I am not a Know-Nothing, that is certain. . . . When the Know-Nothings get control it will read: 'All men are created equal, except negroes, foreigners, and Catholics.' When it comes to this, I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."—**Abraham Lincoln, "Recollections of Abraham Lincoln,"—Lamon.**

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Part Played by Catholics in American History

(By CHAS. W. MEYERS)
Author of "A Minister's Surrender," "Why We Need Church Schools," etc.

CATHOLIC LOYALTY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

NOT only were Catholics the first to establish the principles of civil and religious liberty, but they were among the very first to defend these principles in the forum and on the battlefield.

We assert, without fear of contradiction, that from the very beginning of our country's history down to the present day, Catholics in America have invariably proved their loyalty to the government by rallying to the colors in every time of national peril, and giving their energies, their means and their lives to the cause of civil and religious freedom.

This, too, in spite of continued persecution. As we have already shown, legal restrictions against Catholics continued to be in force, not only in the colonial period, but for many years afterward. This, of course, was the natural result of the Reformation. The colonial period of America came in soon after Protestantism was established in England; and as the American colonies were all under British rule for over 150 years previous to the Revolution, the same Penal Laws that oppressed Catholics in England also oppressed them in America. If England persecuted Catholics at home, she would most naturally do the same thing in her dependencies.

The distinguished Protestant jurist, Hon. Dudley G. Wooten, frankly declares: "Protestantism, transplanted to America in the seventeenth century, began the same course, in its relation to civil and religious power, that characterized its conduct in the older countries. Among the original thirteen colonies only three—Maryland, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island—permitted the slightest liberty of conscience or freedom of belief

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Children's School and Playground

Today's Sunday School Lesson.

Sunday School classes will find most of the answers to the questions here by studying the instruction.

The Catechism is a book in the form of questions and answers, explaining what we must know and believe concerning God, our redemption, and our eternal salvation; what rules of life or divine laws we must observe, and what God does to help us in these most difficult and necessary duties. Experience proves the value of the Catechism. Its methods have been adopted in many kinds of study. Even the railroad employee must learn his book of rules in question and answer form. The adult Catholic, though he should study other books of religion with more complete explanations of Christian doctrine and morals, will still find it useful to have at hand the Catechism of his school days for reference, and to keep in mind the logical order in which Catholic teaching is presented.

The most important lesson which man can learn is taught on the first page of the Catechism. "We have been created to know God, love and serve Him in this life, and to be forever happy with Him in the next life." The learned philosopher, scientist, doctor or lawyer, who does not know or does not believe this first lesson of Christian doctrine, is less learned than the little child who has mastered this essential lesson of life. It teaches us why we are here. No human learning has given us any other answer that can satisfy and convince. Some will say: We do not know why we are here. They cast aside the belief of the people of God throughout all the ages of history, and for what? A negative answer which answers nothing, promises nothing, and leaves man with no reasonable, satisfying explanation of his existence.

The first need of him who sets out to attain the end for which he has been created is Faith. He must believe in God, in all that He has taught us, in the Redeemer sent by Him, in all the doctrines of the Christian religion. Faith is the seed planted in us by God from which grows the full, mature tree of religious life with all its fruits of goodness, of virtuous acts, of love of God and neighbor, of evil overcome. Faith is defined as a virtue infused by God into our souls by which we believe without doubting all that God has revealed and proposes by His Church to our belief.

Faith is founded on divine Revelation, God has made known to us many things in the Old Law through the Patriarchs and the Prophets and in the New Law through His Divine Son and the Apostles. The truths thus revealed have been preserved for us in the inspired pages of Holy Writ and through the constant and universal teaching of the Church. This constant and universal teaching we call Tradition. Tradition and the Bible constitute our Rule of Faith. Tradition is preserved in the writings of the Christian Fathers, in the practices of the Church in all ages of Christianity, in the decisions of Popes and the Councils of the Church. The Bible has been brought down thru time by the Church and is recognized by her as an inspired book, as the Word of God.

Our faith must be entire, firm, constant, living. We may not choose the doctrines which please our fancy and reject others. We must believe the things revealed to us as facts, not as fancies or some one's personal or imaginary religious "experiences." We must be ready to lose wealth, position, or even life itself for the sake of our faith because faith is infinitely more valuable than all the earth can give us. Our lives must be lived in harmony with the truths of Christian Faith. The chief sign of our faith is the Cross, the symbol of salvation. Make the sign of the cross accurately and devoutly.

What is the Catechism? How is it divided?

Why have we been created?

What is faith? What is revelation?

How have the revealed truths come down to us?

What is tradition?

What should be the qualities of our faith?

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK.

30. Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
Month of the Holy Rosary
1. St. Remibius.
2. Holy Guardian Angels.
3. St. Gerard.
4. St. Francis of Assisi
5. St. Placidus.
6. St. Bruno.

Religious Vocation

(By Rev. Edward F. Garesché, S. J.)

THE VARIOUS WORK OF BROTHERS.

It has been remarked by experienced persons that no matter what talent or accomplishments one may be possessed of, it will be of some use sooner or later in the Religious life. How true this is daily instances show. Similarly it is quite surprising when we reflect what various talents and capabilities are called for in the work of the different Religious Brotherhoods.

Almost all the Religious Societies for men have what are called lay-brothers, who, as we have explained before, assist the priests in their ministry by relieving them of the burden of temporal affairs. Since the material interests of Religious houses are so various, it is clear how many different talents and capacities come into play.

Those who have no trade or accomplishments can of course find work to do in the ordinary manual labor of the household. They can sweep and clean and scrub or can work the fields or tend the lawn for the love of Christ and His brethren. But those who have some special trade or skill can exercise it for the benefit of the community. Thus large Religious houses like colleges or novitiates offer a wonderful example of a co-operative community. There is a brother who attends to the carpentering work and sometimes he possesses a high degree of skill in his trade. Another does the painting. Another mends shoes, while still another attends to the tailoring. There is a farmer and a gardner, a sacristan and a cook and each of these has a skill in his own work which comes sometimes from previous experience, sometimes from training which he has received while in the community. If our pious Catholic young men who are now working here and there with no particular aim in life, but with a longing for higher things, knew and realized the benefits of the brother's life, its merit, holiness and peace, many of them would leave the world and become lay brothers. Add to this that the brothers partake to the full in all the privileges and merits of the Religious community and it becomes clear how great an opportunity it offers even to those who have not had an opportunity for a systematic education. We are always pleased to hear from young men who wish help in this matter and have no one near to them to apply to. They may address the writer, as many have already done, in care of Our Sunday Visitor.

EX-SERVICE MEN, ATTENTION!

If you are a Catholic and were under arms during the war, send your full name, address, regiment, name of your parish, etc., to Historical Records Div., National Catholic Welfare Council, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Send particulars also if your relatives served. You should do this at once.

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Father Smith Instructs Jackson in the Catholic Religion

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St. Paul (Hebr. VII) refers to Christ as exercising the priesthood, foreshadowed by Melchisedech's sacrifice. This priesthood was inaugurated by Jesus at the Last Supper, and its continuance provided for "until He come" (namely at the end of the world). David prophesied that Christ would be such a priest *"forever;"* another prophet foretold that the sacrifice would be offered in every place (Mal. I, 11); St. Paul calls the attention of the people of his day to it (I Cor. X, 16), and argues that this priesthood of Christ would be "everlasting" (Hebr. VII, 24).

MR. J. It all becomes clear with a little explanation. I had supposed that the one immolation of Christ on Calvary set mankind right with God, and gave to the Almighty the infinite worship which His justice demanded.

FATHER S. You reasoned correctly as far as the atoning effect of that sacrifice was concerned. But Christ having instituted His religion first of all for His Father's glory, gave it a sacrifice, by which His Heavenly Father would be fittingly honored every day until the end of the world. Then this same Son of God wished to dwell forever among men. The institution of the Mass made both these grand aims possible.

MR. J. Christ's wisdom and goodness are most evident in this great gift to His religion. Father, it is difficult not to become indignant when one thinks how many millions know nothing of this. As I see it the Heavenly Father is honored by every Mass with a worship of no less value than the Sacrifice of the Cross, because the same Person, His beloved Son, does the worshipping. It is of secondary importance, whether the offering is bloody or unbloody; the main consideration in worship is "Who worships?" and it is Christ in both cases.

FATHER S. That's correct.

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Part Played by Catholics in American History

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Quakers' ears and boring their tongues through with hot irons, and hanging "papists." In this, they showed more mercy, however, toward the Catholics than toward the Quakers; for while they tortured the Quakers with repeated mutilation by the use of sharp knives and red-hot irons, they were kind enough to relieve Catholics of all future trouble by promptly hanging them. This, of course, shows their thoughtful consideration for Catholics.

Not only was this persecution of Catholics practiced in the early colonial period, but it was continued in several of the states for many years after the Revolution. For 60 years after the Declaration of Independence, citizenship was denied to Catholics in Carolina; and, for 100 years after 1776, no Catholic had the legal right to be governor of New Hampshire. This, too, notwithstanding the fact that all the states had ratified the Federal Constitution, as amended in 1787. This shows how slowly religious bigotry dies.

Now, let us contrast, for a moment, this intolerance and brutality of the Pilgrim Fathers with the beautiful benignity and clemency of the Catholic Fathers of Maryland. As we compare them, let us lay aside our blind bigotry and be honest enough with ourselves and fair enough toward our Catholic fellow-citizens, to render to them the honor that is due them. Let us exhibit the same spirit of fairness toward them that is shown them by the best and most intelligent class of Protestants. The learned Protestant historian, Mr. Davis, in his "Day-Star of American Freedom," pays the following high tribute to the illustrious founders of the Maryland colony:

"Let not the Protestant historian of America give grudgingly. Let him testify with a warm heart, and pay with gladness the tribute so richly due to the memory of our early (Catholic) forefathers. Let their deeds be enshrined in our hearts and their names repeated in our households. Let them be canonized in the grateful regard of all Americans, and their names handed down through the lips of a living tradition. In an age of credulity, like true men with heroic hearts, they fought the first battle of religious liberty; and their fame, without reference to their faith, is now the inheritance, not only of Maryland, but of all America."

Board of Education Tells Status of Bible in Schools

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dorsed by Professor Guth. Professor Ball says:

"Unfortunately people who are not Bible students, in the scholarly meaning of that term, often rush in to settle matters about which they know nothing at all. They can only read the Bible in English, and have no idea of the critical problems with which its literary form bristles; or of the long process by means of which it has come to be what it is for us. It is thus true today, as in the first century of the Christian era, that the ignorant wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction. It does not follow even that because a man is learned in some other branch of study he is competent to speak here. Lawyers and doctors and scientists have a right to speak in their own realm; but not as authorities in matters of Biblical literature, unless they have specialized in this subject too. It is not without good reason that the Roman Catholic Church has kept the interpretation of the Scriptures, amongst her own people, in competent hands. It is not because they are afraid of the Scriptures, but they are rightly afraid of the vagaries and loose thinking of untrained and incompetent minds."

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The Right and Wrong Way of Meeting Religious Obligations

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ble to men, who, as a rule, go to confession less frequently.

People would profit more from Confession if they really craved advice and direction; but strangely, this is something which they seemingly do not want; they prefer to make their confession to a priest who will offer them no advice and speedily dismiss them. In these days of numerous Saturday confessions, the priest has no time to ask any questions, and has very little time to proffer advice. But this is an extra reason why people should try harder themselves to have the right dispositions for the worthiest reception of the Sacrament of Penance, upon which Holy Communion, the most sacred of all acts, usually follows. You can lighten the work of the priest by preparing yourself properly for confession, and the benefit to yourself will be much greater. But just as you would want the physician to point out the best remedy for a cure in the case of any physical affliction so should you be particularly solicitous about securing direction for the cure of a spiritual malady.

Weekly confession is not necessary for weekly communion in case one is not conscious of grievous sin. Children should go to confession in the afternoon, so that adults may not be detained in church too long in awaiting their turn to make their confession.

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His heart aflame with love for men,
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With ear attuned to human cry—
Be ours the grace to follow Thee,
For Thou art God, that passeth by!

ANTI-CATHOLIC IMPOSTOR.

Reports that the Knights of Columbus organized to break up a recent anti-Catholic meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, in Kent, Washington, are unfounded. A fake ex-nun began her address with the declaration: "Catholic priests teach all Catholics to hate all Protestants." J. V. Pozzi, a member of the American Legion, but not a Knight of Columbus, asked "Sister Angel" to recite the Apostles Creed. Unable to do so the impostor was denounced by the crowd and asked to leave the hall by Mayor Leonard, who had a few moments before introduced her.—The Sentinel, Portland Oregon.

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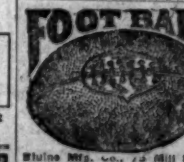

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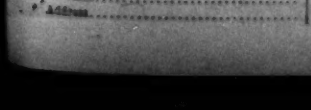

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Grace is a word taken from the Latin which means favor. It is defined as a supernatural gift of God, bestowed upon us for our sanctification and salvation.

Habitual grace is so called because it remains permanently in the soul unless driven from the soul by mortal sin. It is more frequently known as sanctifying grace. This help of God is received at the moment of baptism and remains in the soul as long as the soul is free from mortal sin. It drives out original sin, it removes actual sin if such has been committed, and makes the soul pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God. Sanctifying grace unites the soul with God and makes us heirs of Heaven and sons of God.

Actual grace is the help of God and assists the soul to avoid evil and do good. It is not permanent in the soul, but is given at the time it is needed to enable one to perform a good action or overcome temptation. It is transient, coming when God wills and souls need it. Christ said to His apostles: "Without Me you can do nothing." By these words He shows the necessity of our receiving and cooperating with the grace of God. Without sanctifying grace the soul cannot enter Heaven. Without actual grace coming to assist us in the struggle against sin one could not hope to gain Heaven.

Sanctifying grace is typified by the wedding garment as mentioned in St. Matthew XXII-12. Actual grace is well exemplified in the conversion of St. Paul, Acts IX. We find that St. Paul breathing hate against the Christians armed with the letters of the high priest ordering him to seize the Christians, apparently the last man on earth to be the subject of God's special favor. Nevertheless, a ray of light came from heaven, St. Paul blinded fell from his horse, a voice tells him that it is Jesus of Nazareth who thus afflicts him, and St. Paul in the generosity of his heart asks: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" So, too, when temptation assails us the grace of God, His actual help enables us to overcome any such temptation.

What is meant by saying that grace is a supernatural gift?

It is supernatural because it is above the gifts of nature. It enables the recipient to perform works beyond the power of nature. The soul clothed in sanctifying grace can perform works worthy of Heaven, the soul without sanctifying grace cannot.

A Masonic journal refers to the penalties prescribed by Clement XII, in a bull of 1723, against the Masons, imposing upon them grievous penalties, confiscation of all their property, the galleys and even death.

The Pope was, at this time, a temporal sovereign and reigned over the Papal States, a section of Italy. Clement XII's Constitution, "In Eminenti," of April 28, 1738, dealt with the menace of Masonry both to religion and to the civil governments, and, on Jan. 14, 1739, an edict was issued, providing for the penalties above mentioned and enumerated. Of course, this brought about the enforcement of the same automatically only in the States of the Church. In "Catholic" countries such penalties could only be enforced when enacted by the laws of the land.

It is hard for American Masons of the present time to realize the character of the Masons of this period, especially as they were active in Italy and throughout the whole of Europe in 1738. As late as Oct. 13, 1909, Ferrer, 31st Degree Mason, prominent in the anarchistic activities of the French and Spanish Masonic Grand Orients, was executed at Barcelona, Spain. European Freemasonry, outside of England, has uniformly stood for the complete overthrow of the existing order, in both Church and State.

How significant that Protestant countries were the first to pass edicts against the Masons: Holland, 1735; Sweden and Geneva, 1738; Zurich, 1740, and Berne, 1745. In Austria the suppression of the Masonic lodges was upheld, as late as Jan. 23, 1905, by a decision of the highest court of the land, on the ground that the government of the country itself was menaced by the presence of such secret societies in which plots for its overthrow were continually fomented. Garibaldi and Mazzini, blatant atheists and enemies of all religion, were high Masons, and General Albert Pike, in a long letter to Timoteo Ribaldi, the Italian Grand Commander, under date of Dec. 28, 1886, urges him to spare nothing to effect the complete overthrow of the Papacy, by fair means or foul. A system of spying and false accusation was actively promoted by the Masons, and its exposure, in France, resulted in the fall of the Masonic cabinet of Combes.

To show just what Masonry had in mind, I will quote the following from a speech of Deputy Massi, a Mason, official orator of the French Assembly of 1903:

"I said in the assembly of 1898, that it is the supreme duty of Freemasonry to interfere each day more and more in the political and profane struggles."

Thus, Masonry had an avowed political program, and this was no less than the secret subversion of the whole European social order. Little wonder, then, that both the Church and the State should arm themselves against it. Thus, by an Act of Parliament, July 12, 1798, in England all Masonic lodges, excepting those already in existence and which would take the oath of loyalty to the Crown, were interdicted. This measure declared against all seditious secret societies. Between 1827 and 1834 similar measures were taken in several states of the American union, after the Morgan affair. Spain and Portugal, after 1738, placed the investigation of such affairs in the hands of their Inquisitions.

The penal laws of all countries were extreme at this time, and, in the light of the history of those times, it is very easy to understand why the civil governments, including the Pope for the Papal States, should provide very sore punishments for this species of treason.

Why is St. John called the Baptist?

Because he was selected by the Savior to baptize Him in the river Jordan. This title distinguishes him from St. John the Evangelist, the author of one of the Gospels.

Is it proper to use Holy Water on Holy Thursday?

There is nothing improper about it. It is customary to empty the bowls containing Holy Water in church on Wednesday of Holy Week, and to replenish them on Holy Saturday.

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OUR SHORT STORY CONTEST

THE UNHEEDED WARNING

By Sheela Barry

Tom Maloney announced his engagement to Hazel Brooks at the breakfast table.

"But," protested Tom's mother, "Hazel is not a Catholic."

"That part of it is all settled, Mother," said Tom. "Hazel is to have her own way in everything but religion, while I am to have entire charge of the salvation of the family. Of course, I will not interfere with Hazel herself. She says if she could conscientiously do so, she would become a Catholic, but she cannot believe some of our doctrines. However, she has promised, that should we be blessed with children she would not interfere with me in bringing them up Catholics."

"It is one thing to make a promise, Tom, but quite another to keep it. When the glamor of the honeymoon is over, Hazel will forget all about such a promise. Besides, it is not fair to ask her to bring her children up in a religion in which she does not believe. I cannot blame you for falling in love with such a charming woman, but it will break my heart if you enter into a mixed marriage."

"Too late to talk about that now, mother, I love her, and I will marry her, much as I hate to displease you. Now, won't you be an angel and see me married with a pleasant smile?"

"If it will make you happy, I will see you married with a pleasant smile, but underneath that smile will lie a broken heart."

An hour later, Mrs. Maloney paid a visit to her pastor and told him her troubles. "Can't you do something, Father, to save my boy?"

"I will do my best, Mrs. Maloney. Tell Tom to come see me before supper this evening."

"Thank you, Father, I hope you will be able to talk him out of this marriage."

About 5 p. m. Tom was ushered into the presence of Father Conroy.

"Mother told me you wished to see me, Father, and I came right over. What can I do for you?"

"You have always been a very good boy, Tom, and I knew you would come promptly. However, it happens that there is nothing you can do for me, but I want to ask you to do something for yourself. To be brief, your mother is broken-hearted over your impending marriage. I realize I am asking a great deal, but won't you try to forget this girl for the sake of your religion? Is it not worth the sacrifice?"

"Father, I cannot see where my religion shall suffer by my marriage to Hazel. I suppose mother told you about the arrangement we made."

"Yes, but premises, my boy, are easily broken. Stop! Look! and Listen! Picture yourself at the head of a Protestant family."

"I am sure Hazel will keep her word, Father, and there is no cause for worry on that score. Anyway I am going to take the chance."

"Is there nothing I can do or say that will make you see the folly of your decision, Tom? Hazel may be the finest girl in the country, but she is not a Catholic, and she cannot be happy with you nor you with her. 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' Think, my boy, think! 'What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?' Think, my boy, think!"

"I am sorry, Father, if I displease you, but my mind is made up, and I hope you will forgive me if your request is not granted."

"I forgive you, Tom, but there will come a day when my words will come back to you. 'What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul.' I, too, am sorry, Tom, because experience has taught me that only one mixed marriage out of a hundred is successful. Think, my boy, think, and come to see me again."

But Tom did not think. He and Hazel were married the following week. They lived happily for five years. Then little Betty was old enough to go to church. Her mother felt Tom was unreasonable in holding her to her promise. If Betty were a boy, it would be different, then Tom could have his way. "A girl should follow in her mother's footsteps," she told him. Thus it was that no Sunday morning passed in the Maloney household without a quarrel. Alas, when too late, Tom began to "think." Hazel was determined to have her own way.

Years passed, as Betty grew older she decided she would settle the religious question by not attending any church at all. Betty vowed that very little of her time would be spent in any church, for ever since she could remember every time God or religion was mentioned in her parents' home there was a bitter quarrel. Betty eventually married a Jew. Her husband took his little girl to the synagogue.

Hazel did not live to see her little grand child. Thus it was that as Tom grew older he thought a great deal of the warning that his mother and Father Conroy had given him, and as he walked the floor at night Father Conroy's words rang in his ears: "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffers the loss of his own soul?"

The Cheap Infidelity of "The People's Press"

SOMEONE sends us a lot of leaflets got out by the so-called "People's Press" of Chicago, an infidel publication. "The Menace" used to frequently quote from this sheet, and in its columns the propaganda of the "Guardians of Liberty" and other "anti" organizations was frequently seen.

First we have a bunch of picture cartoons. One illustrates a saying of a pervert, but is so indecent that it cannot be described. Another makes light of the idea that "God made of one blood all the nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth," and asks which race, Caucasian, Mongolian, Negro, Malay or American, was made in God's image and likeness. Science, which can make any claim at all to respectability, admits the origin of mankind from a common ancestral stock. Environment and vicissitudes of experience are enough to account for the different races, as varieties within the species. Next there is a cartoon which insults all religion, in comparing every minister to a certain well-known hybrid beast of burden. The Roman Catholic Church, then, is made to shoulder responsibility for the death of 100,000,000 men, women and children "during the last three centuries." This is absolutely and unqualifiedly untrue. Nothing is said of the thousands put to death under the reign of "Reason" in France and Russia. The upholders of secularization can do no wrong. They are excused in using any method to root out the execrable superstition—Christianity! And we may expect more of it if the doctrines of the "People's Press" spread. From the day anti-Christianity triumphs it will begin its slaughters. The truth is that the Church has slain none of these millions. We will not quote the awful blasphemy of the next one against the Precious Blood. The idea is simply—that there can be no forgiveness of sins, but that all should get what is coming to them on a strict basis of justice. Since there is no God, however, this would only apply if one were caught! Who will stand if men must thus be judged? The answer is that God has been pleased to pardon the sinner and offer forgiveness through the merits of His Blessed Son. This is an historical fact. The infidel, with an ingrained prejudice against the doctrine of forgiveness, because of his hatred of religion, derides a God of mercy: then, when given his choice of the God of Law, rejects Him as "a monster of cruelty." The faults of various "friends of God," Adam, Noah, Abraham, Lot, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon and Elisha, are then excoriated, from the viewpoint of the present day, which, as far as the materialistic atheists are concerned, is not as far in advance as those olden days. It is true that God dealt with frail, sinning human beings. The Scriptures frankly delineate many of these sins. God's grace was with the patriarchs; but God did not unjustly hold them accountable to a moral standard in advance of their day and opportunities. Their virtues are not given any attention, of course, by the writer and cartoonist. Persons must first have to shrink to an inconceivable narrowness and bigotry, before they can find any enjoyment in looking over such stuff.

And now, a word as to agnosticism. Christianity found, throughout the Roman empire, a paganism which was passing. Few believed in the real existence of the old gods, but the old worship was formally retained as a sanction for the State. The test was the offering of incense to the statutes as symbols of the Roman felicity. **An atheist could go through the whole performance without a qualm.** Interior acquiescence was not demanded. Ingersoll said all martyrdom was foolish, and this is also the attitude of present-day agnostics. They would go through the form of submission, if compelled to do so. Once agnosticism, however, obtains a seeming triumph, as in France and Russia, over the Church, it is seen how intolerant secularism really is.

The alleged contradictions of the Bible, of which several are given, seem scarcely deserving of attention at all. No one claims that everything in the Bible applies to one period of time or to one condition of man. But one thing is significant. The "moral theology" of the Bible is held up to ridicule. The old infidel pretension is made—that many passages of Holy Scripture are "unfit to be read." Some infidels, who separated passages from their contexts, and circulated them in leaflet form, were prosecuted for "sending obscene matter through the mails." This does not prove the infidel contention at all. The motive of the Sacred writer was a moral one, even when frankly and severely dealing with the vices of men. The same is also true of Catholic Moral Theology. Some unpleasant matters have to be dealt with occasionally; and it is significant that the same persons, who inveigh against St. Liguori and other moral theologians, use the same old weapons of the infidel, which, in his case, are used against the Bible. And many of them are actually—infidels!

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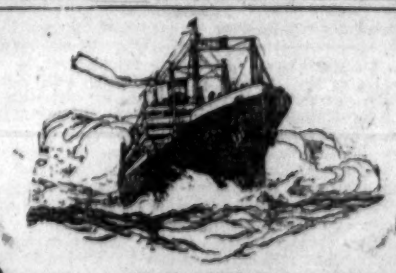

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✠ JOHN BONZANO, Archbishop of Melitene, former Apostolic Delegate.

Dear Rev. Father: Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 28, 1913.

Your work of bringing home to our people the better knowledge of the teachings of the Church, and of informing non-Catholics of the claims of Holy Mother Church, is truly an apostolic work, worthy of the highest commendation and encouragement.

Devotedly yours in Domino,
✠ H. J. ALERDING, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

COLUMBUS.

Last Friday was Columbus Day, a new occasion for outbursts of bigotry throughout the United States on the part of people who boast of their Americanism. When those of us who write today attended school in our youth it was generally recognized that Columbus was the discoverer of this land, that, therefore, his name should be cherished by everyone who now is resident on this continent. Today, by every possible maneuver, enemies of the Catholic Church seek to rob him of his laurels. They insist that he was not the discoverer of America, that he was not a Catholic, that we owe nothing to him. More than that, his name must be obliterated from our books of history, he must receive no public attention, the State legislatures must cancel Columbus Day from the list of holidays; fanaticism must rule, even if truth must be sacrificed. What an awful arraignment this is of our boasted Enlightenment, Tolerance and Fair Play!

We wish the Knights of Columbus were only one-half as zealous in the interests of their Church as our enemies represent them to be. They have had their golden opportunity during the last few years, but in very few localities have they availed themselves of it. They are probably more patriotic than any other organization in America, are given to greater tolerance; but they are kept in the public eye, not by any special local activities of their own, but by the unfavorable advertising they receive from those who would blacken their name.

It seems to us that the supreme governing body of the Knights of Columbus should send out every month a program of hints to assist the more than 2000 Councils in keeping up interest among their members locally. The local lecturer, who is supposed to do the work, is usually a busy man, is not paid for his services, and was not trained for the office to which he was elected. If, like the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, he had nothing to do but to think of the organization, and were paid for keeping interest at a high pitch, the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus would reveal itself, and counteract all the silly opposition which is aroused by prejudice.

DOES THE END JUSTIFY THE MEANS?

The KEYSTONE is a Jewelers' Trades Journal. On page 154, of the August 1923 number, there appears a whole page advertisement on the De Molay pin, and beneath the illustration of the pin appears this bit of history:

"In the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry we read that Jacques de Molay was the Grand Master of Templars at the persecution of the Order in the 14th century.

"He was a prominent Crusader, but was imprisoned and persecuted in defense of his Order, by Pope Clement the 5th and King Philip of France, who finally ordered him to be burned at the stake in the year 1313. He died a martyr to his cause, firm and loyal to truth.

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What a travesty of history! According to the very best recognized authorities on Freemasonry, that organization was founded in England *in the year* 1717. Yet De Molay was Grand Master of the Templars in the 14th Century.

Imagine Pope Clement V, and King Philip, of France working together! This king was a persecutor of the Pope himself. We wonder whether the Masonic order will not lose its prestige by the deception it permits some of its votaries to carry on in its name.

On page 153, the same issue there appears this notice under the heading *"Letters to Jewelers"*.

"Sell rosaries so as to win both buyer and buyer's friends. Catholic trade is success in any line; and this is the way to get it and keep it in your line. There are no better buyers than they who buy rosaries. Sell to them for everything else in your line. Vatti will do it. Known quality; stamped 1-10 and 1-20 12 K. The stamp turns doubt into confidence. Write for new advertising service to jewelers—'How to Keep Catholic Trade at Home,' written by a $100-a-day advertisement writer. Vatti Rosary Co., 67 Futon St., N. Y."

It seems that Catholic trade is greatly appreciated, while millions of our countrymen pledge themselves not to patronize Catholics; and many deserving Catholics are refused what their qualifications entitle them to solely because of religious discrimination on the part of many employers.

WHAT THE WORLD OWES TO HER.

Instead of fighting the Catholic Church why do not all Christians, as well as all others, who believe that Christianity has made the world better, praise the Catholic Church for preserving the Bible; for defending the inspiration of the Bible; for stressing the great fundamental truths of the Holy Trinity, the Divinity of Christ, the indissolubility and sacredness of marriage, the right of the unborn child to life, the inalienable right of the child to a Christian education; for enforcing respect for all legitimate authority; for her zeal in promoting clean speech and virtuous living; for the suppression of slavery; the emancipation of women centuries ago; for the civic patriotism of her membership; for the devotion of her people to prayer and divine worship, etc., etc.?

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Tubao, LaUnion, Philippine Islands.
Dear Editor:

I have become acquainted with your paper through a friend of mine who receives it free of charge, and I am writing in the hope that I may be able to share the same privilege.

I am in charge of the Tubao Catholic High School, the first high school of the Belgian Fathers here in the Philippines. We are doing our best with small resources to fit the young people for the active life of practical Catholics.

Your paper is the best reference for those who would explain the Faith to others and I am wondering if some of your readers would come to our rescue and have the paper sent to each of our 22 boys.

Some of your readers could do a great deal of good by sending us books and periodicals after they have read them. They would be a wonderful help in our library, and we would be deeply grateful for anything that may be done for us.

Our address is Tubao Catholic High School, Tubao, LaUnion, Philippine Islands.

Yours gratefully in Christ,
G. MARTENS, Director.

WE ALL WANT TO READ THAT BOOK

My dear Mr. Hull:

I am very glad indeed that you feel the picture I have drawn in "The White Flag" to be a faithful portrait of small town Indiana.

I do not know that an opportunity is going to come immediately to say a word for breadth of vision and religious tolerance, but whenever one does come you may be very sure that I shall not miss it.

I had not before heard any one make the statement that Indiana was any more likely to "fall" for secret orders than any other state, and yet I do recall that in my childhood we had outbursts of "Grangers" and different sorts of secret societies where a great many of the neighbors met in the school house and held secret meetings. But neither my father nor my mother ever had anything to do with these organizations, so I am not very well informed concerning them. Certainly I do not believe in law and order being carried on in any state or any country behind a mask.

Very truly yours,
Gene Stratton-Porter.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 17, 1923.
Dear Msgr. Noll:

I noticed an article in the Sunday Visitor a few weeks ago. When a Missionary Father, I think, in Arizona in charge of an Indian Mission wrote and asked if you could supply him with a few copies of the Sunday Visitor and some pamphlets in order to help him in the good work he was doing among them, I took the question up at one of our meetings and our Court of the St. Vincent de Paul Society decided to make a donation of $50.00 to help along this worthy cause. I am therefore enclosing you a check for that amount and would kindly ask that you use your own good judgment as to where it will do the most good. Thanking you in advance, and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,
F. ZIEFU.

Fayetteville, O., Sept. 27, 1923.
Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr.:

I am not given to writing letters of approval, but I wish to give you my unstinted praise for your issue of September 30th. I have always encouraged the reading of Our Sunday Visitor in the parishes assigned to me, and while every issue was of vast interest, I regard the present one as an inspiration. The credit usually given to us at the present time for the many converts to God's Church, is due to Our Sunday Visitor, whether we like to admit it or not.

Sincerely yours in Xsto.,
REV. JAMES G. FALLS.

Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Dear Editor:

I read an article in the "Catholic Laymen's Bulletin, Georgia, of August 11, that fired my soul with unutterable shame, contempt, and disgust toward some of my own Catholic sect. It was from Rome, and was entitled "Immodest dress bars women from Vatican."

I will quote a portion of the Holy Father's remarks, and I most earnestly entreat every woman who reads to let the sorrowful truth of his words take deep root within their minds.

The Pope spoke thus: "The unfortunate mania for fashion causes even honest women to forget every sentiment of dignity and modesty. The decrease of womanly reserve has always been a sign of social decadence. The shameless looseness of women's attire and deportment causes the disintegration of the family. An immodest mother will rear shameless children. An immodest girl can not be a good wife. It is possible to dress with lady-like and lovely decorum without imitating monastic severity."

Think, O Catholic womanhood! of how vilely low even some of our pure Faith are sinking! Those remarks were made in tones of bitter pain by the Pope after some scandalously dressed, or as Father Scott said—undressed women were admitted into Papal audience. God bless our Holy Father for instructing the guards to positively forbid entrance to women shamelessly and wantonly clad!

The writer has noted with surprise and scorn the fad for indecent uncorseted styles steadily increasing among Catholic women from all parts of America—even when flaunting into our beautiful Churches. This loathsome crime of immodesty has brought hand in hand another deplorable sin for which the outraged Heart of our chaste Lover-Friend—Jesus Christ, cries out "Blessed are the pure in heart, and those that love Me, for they shall see God." The sin of irreverence toward the Divine Presence, disloyalty and Judas traitorism to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. How those flippant flapper women quickly turn their nude backs and fly from Church when the Lord God of all heaven and earth is exposed in that most marvelous and baffling, most entrancing and exquisite, most infinite and sublime Vision of Light and Love—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In Montreal, Canada, some few years past, Father Plamondon, pastor of the Holy Guest Church was compelled to use drastic measures and refuse Holy Communion to women who came to the Rail indecently clad. Women and men, let us all offer up at least one Holy Communion a month that Catholic women may not forget that God desires us all to be Christian models of His Most Pure Mother, the Rose of Loveliness! the City of Purity and the Father of Innocence!

EVA PLAMONDON BOYD.

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 10, 1923
Dear Editor:

In your charity, will you kindly publish the following in a prominent part of your paper? Contributions of clothes and money may be sent safely to the sufferers of Japan, thru the Japanese Catholic Mission, which is in care of the Jesuit Fathers of San Francisco. Let us act quickly. Interest the children of the Parochial Schools in this urgent errand of mercy. All bundles should be prepaid to this Mission. Checks should be made out to "The Jesuit Fathers."

Yours gratefully in Christ,
"The Jesuit Fathers."
Japanese Catholic Mission,
1715 Octavia St., San Francisco, Cal.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 19, 1923.
Our Sunday Visitor:

I must tell you that thru the reading of Our Sunday Visitor, which I have passed on, I have converted already two men, to our beautiful religion. Thanks for its wonderful contents.

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. A. GONYEN,
824 Plymouth Ave. North, Apt. 1.

COMING LATE TO MASS.

It is considered of paramount importance in social circles to be on time when invited by social friends to partake of their hospitality, and usually the timepiece is frequently consulted, so that the invited guests do not embarass, annoy, or displease their host.

Were we invited to dine with some high-up official in city, State or Nation, would we not also frequently consult the clock or watch, to be sure of being on time so as not to embarass or annoy or displease the host?

Now may it not be asked what degree of propriety, politeness, courtesy or consideration does a Catholic exercise who comes to Holy Mass ten or fifteen minutes late, and often leaves the house of God before the priest leaves the altar.

What discourtesy and distraction to others and above all to the Lamb of God, who is about to be sacrificed again, for the sins of the world, and feed us with His own body and blood.

People who come continually late to Mass have little faith, give scandal, are lovers of themselves more than God, might be termed calcimined Christians, would seem to be Catholics only because their parents were Catholics, yield to flesh and blood by not striving to follow the self-denial practiced by Christ and His saints. Unless we study to love our holy faith and what its practice means, we easily walk on that broad way that leads to destruction, while narrow is the gate and straight the way that leads to eternal life.

REV. M. E. CASEY.

"WHAT EVIL HAS SHE DONE?"

When Vandal hordes roamed Europe's lands so fair,
The Church alone, kept learning from decay,
There art and science flourished and with care,
God's Word was copied, man's great boast today;
To civilize, convert these tribes so wild,
Cement them into nations firm and strong,
Teach government, homelife, and love so mild,
Was no small task, the church worked hard and long.

Who would have toiled to save them, quelled distress,
Had she refused to govern and to teach?
But temporal power no more She need possess,
Though dying souls, for aid, still feebly reach;
All institutions must the fact deplore
That some prove false, betray their sacred trust,
So blame the Catholic church for this no more,
She is divine, wants only what is just.

One word from her, in that dark, troubled time,
Could stem war's tide and lull the world to peace,
Today, we long to hear a voice sublime,
That speaks to hearts of God, that bids war cease;
Since Pentecost, this true church unsubdued,
Has preached and taught the world, on land and foam,
When sore oppressed, her courage is renewed,
As in the cruel days of Pagan Rome.

What evil has she done? full well we know,
The doleful list of crimes our foes would name,
To vindicate their words, the proof to show,
Falls, truth sweeps on, a mighty, living flame.
The children they would rob of her sweet sway,
With homes and social circles loudly call,
For some one who sin's awful tide can stay,
The modern methods fail, they've tried them all.

Men urged by falsehood, jealousy and greed,
Who wish as intellectual lights to shine,
In rural towns, denounce the Catholic creed,
What evil has She done, this church divine?
Come boldly forth and with uncovered head,
In cities prove your words to every one,
The scandal, through the country, which you've spread,
Come, show the Church what evil she has done.

Our country's great discoveries Catholics claim,
Authentic history proves this beyond doubt,
Each river, lake and town, with sacred name,
Proves Catholic zeal and labor all about;
The blood of Catholics drenched each battle field,
Not once, did they evade our country's call,
The Catholic boys preferred to die, than yield,
These are Americans, who labor, fight and fall.

If half the time and energy were spent,
To help all nations find the road to peace,
Which now is used to scatter discontent,
Molest the Church, make love, and good will cease,
The world would rise from misery and despair,
All creeds work sibe sydied wx-by -
All creeds work side by side, all hearts be one;
Come forth, be open minded, honest, fair,
The Church would know what Evil She has done.

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